Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

January 2009

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index decreased 0.1 percent between December 2008 and January 2009 while the Canada All-items Index declined 0.3 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index were both unchanged during the same period

In Saskatchewan, the January All-items Index decreased from December 2008 primarily due to lower prices for the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, travel tours, inter-city transportation and recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles). Prices also fell for personal care supplies and equipment, fresh fruit and other food preparations.

Moderating these decreases were increased prices for gasoline, women's and men's clothing and mortgage interest cost. Prices also rose for water, non-alcoholic beverages and traveller accommodations.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 2.4 percent between January 2008 and January 2009 while the Canada All-items Index increased 1.1 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 2.9 percent and 2.4 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The January All-items Index increased from January 2008 primarily due to higher prices for mortgage interest cost, housing replacement cost, rent and natural gas. Prices also rose for food purchased from restaurants, bakery products and fresh vegetables.

These increases were partially offset by lower prices for gasoline, the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, the purchase and leasing of recreational vehicles and recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles). Prices also declined for household appliances, home entertainment equipment – parts and services and fuel oil and other fuels.

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ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA

	Index (2002 = 100)		Percent Change	
	Jan. 2009	Dec. 2008	Dec. 2008 to Jan. 2009	Jan. 2008 to Jan. 2009
SASKATCHEWAN				
All-Items	115.7	115.8	-0.1	2.4
Food	120.4	120.7	-0.2	8.5
Shelter	140.6	139.7	0.6	8.7
Household Operations and Furnishings	101.9	101.5	0.4	1.5
Clothing and Footwear	95.5	91.7	4.1	0.8
Transportation	104.2	105.9	-1.6	-8.7
Health and Personal Care	108.0	108.4	-0.4	2.9
Recreation, Education and Reading	101.6	102.5	-0.9	0.2
Tobacco and Alcohol	130.3	129.7	0.5	1.4
All-Items Excluding Energy	114.7	115.1	-0.3	3.3
Energy	125.5	122.0	2.9	-5.4
CANADA				
All-Items	113.0	113.3	-0.3	1.1
Food	120.6	119.8	0.7	7.3
Shelter	123.1	123.4	-0.2	3.3
Household Operations and Furnishings	105.7	105.5	0.2	2.3
Clothing and Footwear	91.8	91.3	0.5	-0.4
Transportation	108.8	110.3	-1.4	-7.5
Health and Personal Care	110.4	109.9	0.5	2.7
Recreation, Education and Reading	99.7	101.2	-1.5	0.1
Tobacco and Alcohol	129.2	128.7	0.4	2.2
All-Items Excluding Energy	112.1	112.6	-0.4	2.3
Energy	123.8	123.0	0.7	-10.9
REGINA				
All-Items	115.6	115.6	0.0	2.9
SASKATOON				
All-Items	116.9	116.9	0.0	2.4

Note: These indices measure the percent change in consumer prices within each geographic area. The indices do not compare price levels between Saskatchewan, Canada, Regina or Saskatoon.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Consumer Price Index Survey*
Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADA AND PROVINCES

	Percent Change	
	Dec. 2008 to Jan. 2009	Jan. 2008 to Jan. 2009
Canada	-0.3	1.1
Newfoundland	-0.2	0.9
Prince Edward Island	-0.5	-0.1
Nova Scotia	0.0	-0.1
New Brunswick	-0.1	-0.5
Quebec	-0.2	0.5
Ontario	-0.4	1.4
Manitoba	-0.5	1.4
Saskatchewan	-0.1	2.4
Alberta	-0.8	1.2
British Columbia	0.0	1.4
Whitehorse	-0.8	2.4
Yellowknife	-1.0	2.7
Iqaluit	-0.5	3.3

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES

	Percent Change	
	Dec. 2008 to Jan. 2009	Jan. 2008 to Jan. 2009
St. John's	-0.3	1.3
Charlottetown-Summerside	-0.4	0.2
Halifax	0.1	0.2
Saint John	0.2	-0.3
Quebec City	-0.1	0.5
Montreal	-0.1	0.8
Ottawa	-0.4	1.7
Toronto	-0.4	1.6
Thunder Bay	-0.5	1.5
Winnipeg	-0.5	1.4
Regina	0.0	2.9
Saskatoon	0.0	2.4
Edmonton	-0.7	1.4
Calgary	-0.9	1.5
Vancouver	0.1	1.6
Victoria	0.0	1.5
Whitehorse	-0.8	2.4
Yellowknife	-1.0	2.7
Iqaluit	-0.5	3.3

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